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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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JESUS

A Description of Christ's Sacrifices and the Marvelous Magnificence of Heaven

By the late Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D.D.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."—II Cor. 8:9.

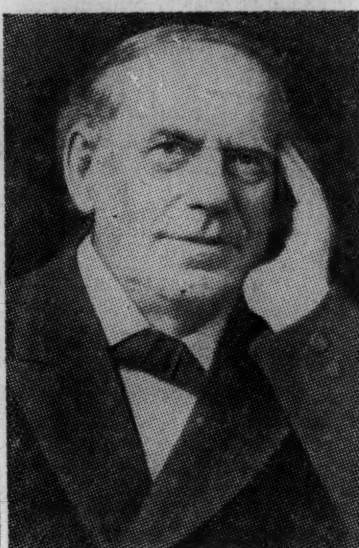
It is absurd to suppose that all the worlds which on a cold winter's night make the heavens one great glitter are inhabitantless. Philosophers tell us that many of these worlds are too hot, or too cold, or too rarefied of atmosphere for residence. But if not fit for human abode, they may be fit for beings different from and superior to ourselves. We are told that the world of Jupiter is changing until it is almost fit for creatures like the human race, and that Mars would do for the human family, with a little change in the structure of the respiratory organs. But that there is a great world swung somewhere, vast beyond imagination, and that it is the headquarters of the universe, and the metropolis of immensity, and has a population in numbers vast beyond all statistics, and appointments of splendor beyond the capacity of canvas, or poem, or angel to describe, is as certain as the Bible is authentic. Perhaps some of the astronomers with their big telescopes have already caught a glimpse of it, not knowing what it is. We spell it with six letters, and pronounce it—Heaven.

A Glimpse of Heaven

That is where Prince Jesus lived nineteen centuries ago. He was the King's son. It was the old home—stead of eternity, and all its castles were as old as God. Not a frost had ever chilled the air. Not a tear had ever rolled down the cheek of one of its inhabitants. There had never been in it a headache, or a sideache, or a heartache. There had not been a funeral in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. There had never in all the land been woven a black veil, for there had never been anything to mourn over. The passage of millions of years had not wrinkled or crippled or bedimmed any of its citizens. All the people there were in a state of eternal adolescence.

What floral and pomonic richness! Gardens of perpetual bloom and orchards of unending fruitage. Had some spirit from another world entered and asked: "What is sin? What is bereavement? What is sorrow? What is death?" the brightest of the intelligences would have failed to give definition, though to study the question there was silence in Heaven for half an hour.

The Prince of whom I spoke had honors, emoluments, acclamations, such as no other prince, celestial or terrestrial, ever enjoyed. As He passed the street, the inhabitants took off from their brows garlands of white lilies and threw them in the way. He never entered any of the temples without all the



Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage

worshippers rising up and bowing in obeisance. In all the processions of the high days He was the one who evoked the loudest welcome. Sometimes on foot, walking in loving talk with the humblest of the land, but at other times He took chariot, and among the 20,000 that David spoke of His was the swiftest and most flaming; or, as when John described Him, He took white palfrey, with what prance of foot, and arch of neck, and roll of mane, and gleam of eye, is only dimly suggested in the Apocalypse. He was not like other princes, wait-

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

MY HEART IS THRILLED BEYOND expression at the blessed revival campaign which God has given us in Moncton, New Brunswick. This is Sunday June 3, at noon. Two more great services at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. close the campaign. I think there have been about four hundred public professions of faith in Christ. Most of these were outright conversions, a few were backslidden Christians coming to confess their sin and start again to live for Christ. All were dealt with carefully in the inquiry room, with the Word of God by trained soul winners. All will be visited in follow-up work by the six cooperating pastors, and other pastors.

Friday night when I preached "A Sermon From a Catholic Bible," the high school auditorium was jammed to capacity. The lower floor was packed, the balcony was crowded to the limit, then the gymnasium was opened back of the stage and all the available seats were placed there and overflowed. Dozens of others stood throughout the long two-hour service. There were thirty-one people who came openly and publicly to claim Christ, I am told, and these were nearly all adults. In fact, a surprisingly large number of them were old people. One man was seventy-two, another sixty-six. Another man appeared to be eighty though I did not get his age. Several other men passed fifty were in the group saved and some gray-headed women as well. A number of Catholics came to Christ in that service. It was a tremendously moving time with the blessing of God.

UNDER GOD MUCH OF THE CREDIT for the blessed revival campaign (Continued on page 10)

Retreat! Stand! Advance!

By Evangelist Billy Graham, D.D.
President Northwestern Schools, Minneapolis, Minnesota

"But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."—I Tim. 6:11.

It was cold, cloudy and rainy as the Dakota got into position, warmed its motors, taxied down the runway, zoomed into the air, circled the airport and rose into the clouds, which for a few moments were so thick that nothing was visible. Then, quick as a flash, we burst into the light of the glorious Mediterranean sun. Far to the right we could see, through broken patches in the clouds, the blue Mediterranean. In front of us lay the great Alps of Italy. Below was the beautiful coast of the French Riviera, which we could scarcely see because of the thick cloud formations.

Cruising at one hundred and sixty miles an hour, we were soon twelve thousand feet in the air. The great mountain peaks that have made the Alps world-famous could be seen jutting through the clouds—as they made their way skyward. Soon the stewardess pointed out Mont Blanc. Far in the distance we could see Wetterhorn, where only a few days before the thrilling rescue of marooned passengers had taken place.

The thing that attracted our attention, however, was the fact that all the valleys were filled with clouds and we knew that below it was cold and raining. High above the clouds, on the mountain peaks, the sun was warm, glorious and brilliant. The clouds, instead of being gray, dark and gloomy, were white and wispy. The snow-covered peaks were brilliant and glistening with the many colors of a rainbow.

After what seemed to be only minutes we were told to fasten our seat belts because we would be landing in Geneva, Switzerland. Sure enough, the plane began to descend through the clouds into the valley of lovely Lake Geneva.

As we got out of the plane it seemed as if we were in another world. It was dark, foggy. A sprinkling rain, mixed with snow, was falling, and our spirits, which had been so high just a few moments ago while we were soaring above the clouds, had fallen, and we were depressed. We longed to

be above the clouds and in the sunlight of the mountain peaks. We could hardly wait until we got to our hotel, changed our clothes and took a train that would carry us far above the clouds to a sunny winter sports resort on some high mountain slope.

Many of you have experienced the thrill of flying above the storm and clouds and I am sure that you, on many occasions, have thought, as I have, how that experience is

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Dr. Billy Graham

AUTHORITY IN THE HOME

By John E. Brown, Sr., D.D.
Founder, the John Brown Schools

(A Radio Address given on God's Half Hour)

"One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity."—I Tim. 3:4.

Over radio station KGER, I have been giving a series of messages entitled, "The Enemies of the American Home." The first ten messages centered back in the question found in the fifteenth verse of the twentieth chapter of II Kings: "What have they seen in thine house?" These last messages center more largely in the first verse of that twentieth chapter of II Kings: "Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live."

The enemies of the American home—we have been discussing those enemies: dirt, debt, envy, jealousy, covetousness, selfishness, bad literature and music, cigarettes and liquor. Now, on the more constructive side, I have been discussing some of the agencies that I believe are necessary, vitally necessary, if we are to build a beautiful, happy, strong home life: loyalty, devotion, good music, clean literature. I am going to discuss today a much neglected theme and that is the authority in the home.

There has to be a head to any organization, and that head has to have authority. I have always said that in my organization I would not burden a man with responsibility without giving him authority to carry through that responsibility. Sometimes that has been serious and disastrous. In one or two instances when I have allowed men to take over, before many days they had a program of their own underway that I knew would not work. In the main, however, those who assume authority

use it wisely, well, and to the glory of God.

The home must have a head. Of (Continued on page 8)



Dr. John E. Brown, Sr.

Last Chance for "Letter Month"

By the Editor

Letter Month officially closes at midnight, June 27. That is, letters will be counted as Letter Month letters, and the requests for Letter Month offers will be honored, for all letters which are mailed and postmarked by midnight, June 27. We will be receiving these letters several days thereafter, but your letter must be mailed not later than June 27 to take advantage of the Letter Month offers and bargains.

That means that this is our last reminder in THE SWORD OF THE LORD before Letter Month closes. Lest you forget, won't you write your letter at once?

We are anxious for every reader of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to write us a letter. So let me remind you again of our special offers to you at this time.

1. If you ask for it, you may have absolutely free the pamphlet of 32 large pages, *Bloody Hands and How to Cleanse Them* by John R. Rice. Ask for it!

2. For every cash retail order of from \$1 up to \$4.99, you may have free the pamphlet, *Infidels—Answered By 3 Immortals*. There are 24 large pages, with pictures of B. H. Carroll, R. A. Torrey, D. L. Moody. It is faith-building, conviction-bringing, answering unbeliever. It is thrilling reading. But you must ask for it with your order.

3. The Billy Graham big book,

Revival in Our Time, with accounts of some of this famous evangelist's great campaigns, with eight pages of pictures of Billy Graham, his workers and his revivals, and with six of Billy Graham's sermons—a \$2 clothbound book—will be given free with every \$5 cash retail order. But you must ask for it!

4. During Letter Month only you may buy for \$1 each (in lots of three or more) your choice of six popular books. They are:

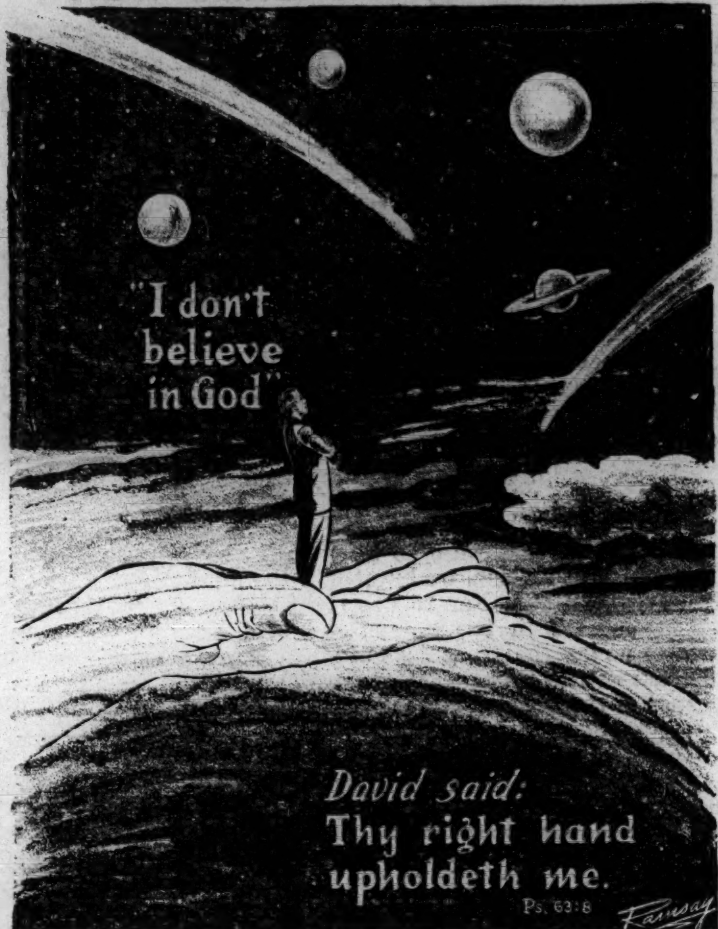
Little Pilgrim's Progress, by Helen Taylor, 256 pages, many pictures;
Old-Time Religion, twelve sermons by Dr. Joe Henry Hankins;
The Heavyweight Champion Who Lost His Title, ten revival sermons by Evangelist Bill Rice;
Household Salvation, nine remarkable sermons by Evangelist John Linton;

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The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay

HOW BLIND CAN A MAN BE?



This is another in a series of original Christian cartoons drawn by Charles L. Ramsay which have been appearing weekly in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. The first edition of 101 Christian Cartoons was completely exhausted. A second edition has been prepared and will be available July 1. Orders are now being accepted at \$1.00 per copy.

In a Revival Campaign with the Editor

By Viola Walden, Secretary to Dr. Rice

Thursday morning, May 17, Dr. John R. Rice, Mrs. Rice and I left Wheaton for the three days' hard trip to Moncton, New Brunswick (north of Nova Scotia, about 60 miles west of Prince Edward Islands). Thursday night found us thirty miles east of Toronto, Canada. There we spent a few hours in a tourist cabin, then up Friday morning and on our way for the second day's drive.

The route planned for Friday took us on up alongside the St. Lawrence River. Ninety-seven miles south of Montreal, we ferried over into Upper New York, crossed Lake Champlain into Vermont. How beautiful the scenery was in this New England State! The Green Mountains slowed up our driving. At Montpelier we took pictures of the golden dome capitol building. Near night we crossed into New Hampshire, and entered the White Mountains. Here we saw snow-capped peaks, and more rugged scenery—along with myriads of white birch trees, the sweet-scented balsam trees, and the great maple trees from which Vermont gets famous Maple syrup. We spent the second night at Rumford, Maine, high in the mountains. The next morning the windshield of the car was iced over, and our spring coats proved inadequate for the mountains. After having breakfast in Skowhegan, Maine, the third morning, instead of going 45 miles south to a U.S. highway, we took a partly unpaved state highway to the New Brunswick border. We had our first car trouble on this stretch of bumpy, winding, mountainous road—three flats in a thirty-mile stretch! At Calais we cleared customs in short order, after having our delayed lunch around 4:00 Eastern daylight time. We drove on North-

east to Saint John, N. B., where Dr. Rice had a blessed campaign in February. After two brief stops there to see friends, we started on the last lap of the journey, arriving in Moncton, our destination, around 11:00 p. m. Saturday night. Here we were soon comfortably settled in an apartment over a dairy—a lovely and spacious accommodation for our office home set-up.

Sunday, May 21, the campaign began. The morning services were held in the Highfield United Baptist Church, Rev. Arthur Pyke, minister. Several came forward at the invitation, including a Chinese man, as Dr. Rice preached on "The Sevenfold Sin of Those Who Do Not Win Souls."

We rushed home for dinner, then back for the 3:00 p. m. service. After Dr. Rice's message on "An Old-Fashioned, Fire-From-Heaven, Sin-Convicting, Home-Righting, Soul-Saving Revival—How to Have It!" many were dealt with in the inquiry room by earnest personal workers. Sunday night the services were moved to the High School Auditorium seating around 1600. The service Sunday night began at 8:15, giving the cooperating churches an opportunity to attend the revival after brief services at each church. What a heart-moving time there was as Dr. Rice spoke on "Hell, What the Bible Says About It." Over thirty had come forward during the first day of the revival campaign.

Great crowds attended the week-night services. Two outstanding services of the first week were Thursday night when Dr. Rice spoke on "Father, Mother, Home and Heaven," and Saturday night when youth rally was joined with the revival and Dr. Rice gave his famous message to young people, "The Scarlet Sin, Adultery, and the Roads That Lead to It." Thursday night, "family night,"

DR. ROBERT G. LEE COMMENDS "TWELVE TREMENDOUS THEMES"

Dr. Robert G. Lee, president Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, wrote the Introduction to the book by Dr. John R. Rice, *Twelve Tremendous Themes*. There he says:

"I have read the manuscript with delight and with profit and with prayer that it will have a wide circulation. Such a book is needed and will, when read and preached, do unmeasurable good in this day of invertebrate theology, jelly-fish morality, India-rubber convictions, see-saw philosophy, scientific conceit—when some speak with breath strong with conjectural onions and fowl with the garlic of critical contempt for Scriptural certainties.

"This book is truth simply and pungently phrased. It sets forth conclusions clearly and concisely expressed. It is declaration saturated and foundationed with the Scriptures. It makes appeal wooingly and earnestly uttered. This book is real bread and meat for the strengthening of Christians, real milk for nourishing the Christian, honey for sweetening the Christian, fire for warming the Christian."

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saw the High School Auditorium filled. Through the hour-long sermon, people sat quietly and showed deep interest in the sermon. When Dr. Rice asked all the men who would vow to say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," they stood by the hundreds to make that solemn vow many of them making it for the first time. Shortly their wives joined them by standing, then the children. So far this service showed the greatest results of the five nights. At the invitation many were saved. (Careful records were kept in the inquiry room where people were dealt with individually, but I do not have those records available). Saturday night when we arrived at the auditorium at 6:45, we found it almost completely filled, though the service did not begin until 7:45. By 7:00 p. m. people were turned away for lack of seating space, after every available seat possible was brought in to accommodate the crowd. At the invitation I believe over thirty came forward.

This is written Wednesday of the second week. Both Monday night and Tuesday night great crowds attended. Up to this writing there have been approximately 240 professions of faith, including a few rededications.

The crowds are coming from all over the province, and from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Each night when those are asked to stand who are from outside of Moncton and suburbs, as many as seventy-five to one hundred stand. There are two radio services daily, reaching many vicinities.

Many times Dr. Rice speaks four and five times daily. There have been two "all-night" prayer meetings, lasting until the early morning. There was one such last night. When we left at 1:00 this morning many were still in earnest prayer for the revival. Dr. Rice was up and on the radio at 11:15, then a shop meeting at noon. At 2:30 each day of the campaign he is speaking to large groups gathered at Highfield United Baptist Church. This service is an hour-long Bible study. Then at night from 7:15-7:45 a prayer service precedes the regular meeting.

How do we get our work done? Each day large bundles of mail arrive by air from our Wheaton office. In it are included the "Letter Month" letters which Dr. Rice eagerly reads. During this busy time I try to get him to let me "weed" out the mail, leaving him only those letters which require his personal attention, but usually he grabs it first, and reads every bit of it before I do. He loves to read letters from SWORD OF THE

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Wants Million Tracts For Japan

Assembly of God Missionary wants "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" for Wide Distribution in Japan, Like Baptists, Evangelical Alliance, Pocket Testament League, Youth for Christ, Christian and Missionary Alliance, and Other Missionaries. Pocket Testament League Wants More Now.

By the Editor

The following letter came recently from Tokyo, Japan:
"Tokyo, Japan
"May 19, 1951

"Mr. John R. Rice
"214 West Wesley St.
"Wheaton, Illinois
"Dear Sir:

The Lord has laid the interior of Japan upon my heart and directed me to work there this summer. I have arranged a sound truck and trailer to work with and conduct meetings with. God has supplied a number of consecrated Japanese workers to assist me and I have sufficient funds to pay the expenses of the travels but I do not have the funds to purchase tracts. I am making an appeal to you for tracts. I have written to others and I hope and pray that I shall receive at least a million tracts to distribute this summer. I don't believe that even that number will be sufficient when the work really begins to progress.

"I have heard from many sources the superiority of your tract on 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' I do not know if you give tracts or how arrangements are made to procure them, but I feel that I must write and ask for your help in securing a number of these tracts.

"I believe the Lord Jesus is coming soon. I feel that this may be our last summer to work freely in Japan. This morning's paper has given a hint that religious freedom will be molested after the peace treaty is signed. The emperor's mother died and elaborate Shinto rites are being prepared for her. Evidently his conversion to the Catholic faith was not truly reported. Many signs are indicating that our day is ending. I want to reach as many of the unreached as I possibly can this summer and as long as the Lord permits me to work. I will not ask for a number of tracts, but will promise that any amount given to me will be prayerfully given to these lost and dying people who are crying the cry of the jailer, 'What must I do to be saved?'

"If you are unable to send tracts, could you please refer this need to others who might be interested and could help me? I am a faith missionary, working in co-operation with the Assemblies of God."

JESSE L. PEDIGO

An Inter-Mission Committee is attending to the printing and circulation of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Japan, the Japanese edition. Baptist missionaries, those of the Pocket Testament League, of Youth for Christ, of the Evangelical Alliance Mission, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, etc., are already distributing this tract and having wonderful results with it. We have just recently sent a check for more than \$1,400 to Japan for the fifth large edition of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" More will be needed right away. I feel that we ought to print another million copies of this booklet right away.

Pocket Testament League Wants More "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Japanese

We have a fine letter today from Mr. Alfred A. Kunz, executive director of the Pocket Testament League in New York City, with an urgent appeal for more of these booklets in Japanese. Mr. Kunz writes:

"May 28, 1951

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I have just received word from Mr. Gordon Rasmussen, our office manager in Tokyo, stating that he is all out of your wonderful tract in Japanese entitled, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' We had a supply of 50,000 of these some months ago, but have been using them very largely in following up the many who have made profession of faith in our evangelistic meetings in Japan.

"We feel that this tract is one of the best pieces of literature that we can put into the hands of these seekers after the truth, and so if you should be in a position to supply us with a further quantity of this leaflet at this time, we shall be deeply grateful to you. Just at present our men

are in the thick of another great campaign on north Honshu, where thousands of decisions are being registered.

"If you can send a supply of the tract at once, we shall appreciate it if you will address them to Mr. Gordon Rasmussen, 298-3 Chome, Koenji, Suginami-Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

"With sincere appreciation of your cooperation and help, I am
"Heartily yours in Christ,"

ALFRED A. KUNZ

We are writing to our missionary committee in Japan, Mr. McVety, urging that as soon as the booklets can be printed, a good supply be sent to Missionary Gordon Rasmussen. The money we have just sent should print at least 300,000 copies of this booklet. But the orders have stacked up, and most of them will be urgently needed by the time the last of them are off the press. We should prepare a large printing of at least one million copies soon, and that would cost us about \$3,000 or \$4,000, we think.

I want all of our friends to note how carefully this matter is handled, that a committee of strong, solid missionaries from the Pocket Testament League, Youth for Christ, Evangelical Alliance Mission, etc., are carefully having this work done. We got the booklet printed in the past at about three copies for one penny. It will probably cost a little more now since paper prices have gone up in Japan. We believe that we should sow Japan down with this booklet.

We earnestly urge your prayers for the distribution of the gospel in Japan where hearts are so open and the fields are so white.

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LETTERS FOR WEEK WHICH WON \$2 CERTIFICATE DURING SWORD LETTER MONTH

By Viola Walden, Secretary to Dr. Rice

As we prepare this issue of *The Sword of the Lord* three weeks in advance of publication date, "Letter Month" mail has begun to flood us. How each letter thrills our hearts! In the next few weeks many of the letters will be published in *The Sword of the Lord*. For each letter we choose for publication of letters which come during Letter Month, which closes June 27, we will send a \$2 certificate entitling the holder to that amount in merchandise published by Sword of the Lord Publishers, or a subscription to *The Sword of the Lord*. We want to see what our efforts mean to you and yours. Sit down today and write us what is on your heart. Your letter will encourage us who work such long hours, and so earnestly each day, to bless your heart and life.

We are not just an organization; we are individuals interested in the spiritual welfare of each reader. How our hearts burn within us to help you with your problems, to print what would be most profitable to you and pleasing to the Lord! We cannot possibly do this without your cooperation, your wishes, your encouragement, your prayers. We are always impressed by the fact that "busy" people take time to express themselves. Particularly has this been true in the lives of our thousands of pastor friends, whose letters have helped Dr. Rice tremendously.

During Letter Month we are trying to get a letter from every reader of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. We are offering each reader if you ask for it—a copy of the tremendously popular messages given by Dr. Rice and compiled into one booklet entitled, *Bloody Hands and How to Cleanse Them*. Your life will not be the same after you read it. In addition, we are making a very drastic cut in prices on six popular books put out by Sword of the Lord Publishers, and giving you free along with the cut in price, Dr. Billy Graham's book, *Revival in Our Time*, for orders of \$5 or more. But with every \$3 order, you may have the free pamphlet, *Bloody Hands* . . . and the three great messages delivered by three immortals, put in one pamphlet, *Infidels—Answered by 3 Immortals*—B. H. Carroll, R. A. Torrey, D. L. Moody.

We should not have to "beg" you to write us, but we are! Now Letter Month comes to a close June 27. Every book which is now offered at lower price will go back to the regular value after that deadline. No more free gifts will be offered in this drive after June 27.

If you have every book we publish, don't want any more, we still want your letter. This is the purpose of Letter Month. You

only have a few days after receiving this last appeal. Won't you let us hear from you?

The following letters were picked from hundreds. Rejoice with us over them.

Talmage's Sermon in Sword Read Aloud to Bible Class

"I am at present the Assistant Pastor and editor of *The Beacon* of the First Baptist Church, second largest church in the American Convention. Yesterday morning I read part of the message on 'Heaven' by Talmage in the May 4 issue of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* to my men's class. One of the men asked me if I could get five issues of that number for him . . ."

A. F. WAECHTER
Long Beach, California

Husband Saved After Reading Sword Literature

" . . . I like the paper very much and would like to see it spread all over the world. By the way, my husband was won by your books about *Hell* and the *Great White Throne Judgment*, a few months ago. He said either one would have gotten him to accept Christ."

MRS. DOUGLAS KINARD
Lodge, S. C.

Sword Gives Sunday School Teacher New Vision, Helps Win Pupil

"May 20, 1951
" . . . No words can express what *THE SWORD* means to me . . . When you first began the Revival-By-Mail Campaign, you wrote an article about winning children in the Sunday school class. Though most of the members in my class have been saved during the last year, there were still two who were not interested. I was very discouraged, but after reading that article you wrote, I was inspired and decided not to give up. Using your methods as best I

could, I tried again, and two weeks later one of the boys came to Christ. Thank you so much for the wisdom and inspiration you impart to us through *THE SWORD* . . ."

MRS. SAM MARTINIE
Lyons, Kansas

Two Find Christ After Reading "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

"May 21, 1951
"Dear Brother Rice:
"I wish to report two souls won to Jesus as a result of your booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' (lists the two names)."

"The dear old lady was following Jehovah's Witnesses teaching and reading their books. I praise God for your booklet. I will quote to you from her letter: 'I read the booklet several times and now I know how wrong the other books are. The Lord is my Shepherd and I shall not want any more, and when I pass on, I'll be in glory with Jesus.' Praise God, this dear old lady is my grandmother!"

CHARLES R. SHORT
Greenville, South Carolina

"What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Booklet Helps One to Find Assurance

"May 14, 1951
" . . . I always appreciate *THE SWORD* and get many illustrations and thoughts . . . Last week a young preacher friend and I led the wife of the son of the Indian Chief of a tribe, among whom we are working, to know the Lord. She, however, was still not certain about her salvation; so we left her a copy of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' Now she feels secure and is sure her trust is in Christ. Then I gave several copies to a friend who runs an oil field rig. He is using them to give to the men who work for him. We certainly make use of this fine booklet. The women meet each week to go visiting. They always take their Bibles and several copies of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'"

MRS. WM. E. RICHMOND
Griffin, Ga.

enced by *THE SWORD*, copies I let them have this winter when they could not get out to the services, being way out in the country and roads blocked. They are a young couple . . ."

REV. JAKE REIMER
Quill Lake, Sask.

Sword Makes Difference in Preacher's Ministry

"May 23, 1951
"Dear Brother Rice:
"Your paper gets better all the time. I know a young man so bowed by sin and its effects, one who had spent eight years of his life behind bars, and through God's grace he was saved about four years ago. God called him to preach about three years ago and he was a member of the Primitive Baptists . . . He did not believe in the eternal security of the true believer. My mother worked where he did and subscribed to *THE SWORD* for him, and I just wish you could know the difference it has made in his preaching. He has seen the real truth in God's Word since reading your plain, scriptural articles and many of your books."

"Truly all the preachers I know who receive *THE SWORD* have been greatly blessed by it and you can almost tell one who subscribes to *THE SWORD* by the time he has finished one sermon. I do thank God for such a wonderful paper. I am also glad because it comes every week. I know that means an extra struggle for you and your co-workers but it means an extra blessing for we readers of *THE SWORD* . . ."

MRS. WM. E. RICHMOND
Griffin, Ga.

Called to Do Missionary Work Through One Sermon in Sword

"May 24, 1951
"Thought you would like to know that back in 1945 while reading a sermon by you entitled, 'What It Costs to Be a Christian,' I felt definitely called to do missionary work. Since that time I have served two and one-half years in the British West Indies on the Island of Barbados . . ."

REV. WM. LIVINGSTON
New Orleans, Louisiana

Every Sermon Preached is Affected by Sword, Says Minister

"May 22, 1951
"Your very fine paper has been coming to me for quite a while now, and I am as enthused over it as ever. Beyond using an occasional illustration, I have never consciously used it in any direct way in my preaching, but insofar as its unconscious influence goes, I suppose every sermon I preach is affected. Certainly its contents color many areas of my thinking and influences my approach to a great many things. For instance, direct preaching against specific forms of sin. This is something I do all the time now, in spite of having been brought up in the oblique approach or not at all approach.
"Each week after having read

through *THE SWORD* I have to fight the same battle as I fought the week before, 'Shall I keep this copy for future reference, or shall I pass it on?' So far I have lost every time. One of these days our bountiful Lord is going to enable me to pay for two subscriptions . . . Quite often I read extracts from *THE SWORD* from the pulpit. This has proved to be a very well received practice. Certainly you will be glad to hear that I pray for the ministry of the Foundation each Sunday morning . . ."

REV. WILKINSON
Kenora, Ont., Can.

Sword Makes Life Worth Living

"May, 1951
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MRS. L. WILSON
Greenriver, Utah

Retired Missionaries Love Sword

"May 25, 1951
"We are aging and on pension, so find it hard to get the price of even your low-priced paper. At time of renewal it seemed we could not make it, and yet God made it possible and we are so glad. Truth to tell, we would not be without it for anything—we would rather do without sugar in our tea than those wonderful sermons by giants in the faith who have gone on before! Spurgeon, Talmage, Torrey, and others. We always enjoy yours, too, Brother Rice, and others of our present-day gospellers who are doing a splendid work in soul saving. Your special drive for souls through the paper and by those inimitable tracts, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' is most commendable, and we have done what we could with those tracts which we paid for, since we could not be sure to get them across in the given time . . ."

W. M. and MAY BURNSIDE
Yakima, Washington

Missionaries to China, 1914-1940

Sword Establishes Reader in Sound Doctrine

"May 25, 1951
"Would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* and what it stands for. I have been wonderfully blessed many times in the past by the sermons and exhortations found there. It has been a rock for the unstable, strength for the weak, rest for the weary. It seems that even as Christ came in due time, even so *THE SWORD* came into my life in due time. Soon after I was saved I began receiving your paper and it was a tremendous aid in establishing me in sound doctrinal truth, I had a

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

Our friends will be interested in the following report submitted by Dr. Stenholm to the Board of Trustees at our recent Commencement. I would like to have our friends pay special attention to the details of this report:

Dr. Stenholm reported that during the school year of 1950-51, there were 1,202 ministerial students enrolled in Bob Jones University. These ministerial students represented 68 different religious denominations. In the last eleven and a half months, these ministerial students have conducted 77,105 public religious services. They have dealt with 197,580 people personally about their soul's salvation. They have a definite report of 68,830 decisions for the Lord Jesus Christ. They have put into the hands of people 1,642,000 Gospel tracts telling people what to do to be saved. Dr. Stenholm said: "These statistics are from records which have been given to us and are only partial reports. These figures do not include the many non-ministerial students who are equally as efficient in winning souls to Christ and as active in Christian work as the ministerial students. We have not included the work of some 200 young women who have conducted Child Evangelism classes every week of the school year and have been used greatly by the Lord in winning many to Christ. Last summer our ministerial students traveled approximately

920,000 miles on extension work, and during the school year traveled 1,620,500 miles, which means that they traveled since June 1, 1950, conservatively 2,500,000 miles in their efforts to win souls to the Lord Jesus Christ."

A number of these students who have done this extension work and have led these people to the Lord Jesus Christ and have given this wonderful testimony in so many public services have been helped by our Student Loan Endowment Fund. You folks who have prayed for Bob Jones University and have contributed financially to this Fund have had a share in all of this work.

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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS
by Charles T. Lampman

Evangelist Louis Wunneburger

Great outpouring of God's Spirit was manifested in the revival at First Baptist Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico, led by Evangelist Louis Wunneburger. He reports 87 professions of faith and for baptism, 28 additions to the church by transfer of letter, and 41 surrendering for special service and rededications of life. Among the outstanding conversions were a Jew and his wife, and a Catholic man. Mr. Wunneburger, at this writing, is in the Memorial Baptist Church, Pasadena, Texas. He ordered Sword conference folders to scatter widely among his friends. He says, "I am so sorry that I shall not get to be with you in any of the conferences this year. Last year I thought I had a full schedule with twenty revival engagements. But this year I find that my schedule already has twenty-three in it, and others are begging me to crowd them in. . . . So while I cannot be with you, Mrs. Wunneburger and Louise (daughter) and everyone else whom I can influence in any way will be with you in the conferences." Evangelist Louis Wunneburger's address is P.O. Box 510, Austin, Texas.

Evangelist Homer Britton

The First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, is praising God for the successful meeting held from April 30-May 13, with Homer Britton, evangelist. There were 103 first-time decisions for Christ and sixteen additional decisions for church membership by Christian experience or letter.

Pastor Owen L. Miller heartily endorses the ministry of Evangelist Homer Britton and recommends him as one of God's called-out evangelists who sincerely seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the preaching of the Word.

Evangelist Dan Vestal

The Pleasant Grove First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, has just experienced one of the greatest spiritual awakenings in its history, according to a recent report from the pastor, Rev. Randall Odom. There were 57 additions to the church, with 25 of these for baptism. Evangelist Dan Vestal of Fort Worth, Texas, did the preaching. The pastor says, "I would like to say personally that Dan Vestal is one of the greatest evangelists we have. He is Scriptural, spiritual and a pastor's friend."

Evangelist Clifton W. Brannon

Rev. W. N. Parrish, pastor First Baptist Church, La Porte, Texas, reports on a recent meeting held in his church by Evangelist Clifton W. Brannon, with Mr. Charles Reat leading the singing. He says, "It was the greatest revival in the history of the church. For the week there were 109 conversions, 10 additions by letter, 150 rededications, and two surrendered by special service. . . . Brother Brannon is a mighty man of God and we praise the Lord for him."

Pastor Enters Full-Time Evangelistic Work

Evangelist Everett Swanson, former pastor of the Central Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago,

has recently become a full-time evangelist. He is a friend of the editor, and we are glad to announce him for revival work. In the past three months, since giving up his pastorate, Brother Swanson has seen nearly 600 public decisions, of which about 200 were first-time professions of faith in Christ. He has preached in many churches to packed houses, and there has been a real spirit of revival. Brother Swanson will be working in Alaska during July, then will go to Japan for three months, then around the world on a mission field survey trip. We pray God's richest blessings upon the ministry of our brother, who has a tremendous burden for lost souls. We suggest that if you are interested in securing his services that you write him at 5611 W. Iowa Street, Chicago 51, Illinois.

Evangelist John Gamble

We are glad to have a fine report on the good revival held in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, by Evangelist John Gamble of Raleigh, North Carolina, closing April 22. Over 1,000 filled the largest available auditorium, with many outside unable to get in, for the closing Sunday afternoon service. Rev. W. Klassen, Director of Wetaskiwin Youth for Christ, commends this good brother highly.

Rev. C. Weston Sanders

The Everett Baptist Church of which Rev. F. Dudley Bahrenburg is the pastor, conducted a very successful evangelistic campaign May 6-20, led by Rev. C. Weston Sanders of Benton, Illinois. The attendance at the meetings were larger than previous campaigns held in the church. The pastor reports that many souls were won to Christ.

responsibilities. The greatest challenge and thrill in the world is to preach the Gospel—even though many times it costs!

I. Retreat

In the sixth chapter of First Timothy we find in the eleventh verse that Paul says this: "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."

I think that General Timishenko of Russia will probably go down in history as the world's greatest leader of strategic retreat. You will remember that he led the armies of Russia back from the Polish border all the way to Stalingrad and kept them intact until the time came for the forward move that carried the great Russian Bear to the heart of Berlin.

There comes a time in our lives when God says, "Run! Flee! Get away! Leave it alone! Have nothing to do with it! Avoid it!" Paul was giving this advice to young Timothy.

Let us give attention to some of the things which he was anxious that young Timothy should avoid. Notice that he mentions—Pride.

A friend of mine tells the story

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hunger for knowledge and God bountifully supplied revelation through the Word, your paper, and booklets (*Eight Gospel Absurdities*, *Can A Saved Person Ever Be Lost?*, *The Unequal Yoke*, also *Twelve Tremendous Themes*, *Prayer*, etc.).

"Your tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' influenced me greatly and helped to make the plan of salvation plain for me. So you see why I am so thankful to you and the entire Sword staff, and most of all, to the Lord for using you to bless others. I try to keep a supply of your tract, 'What . . . near at hand all the time. If it is the Lord's will, I hope to attend the conference at Lake Louise in July . . ."

ARNOLD E. WHITE
Walkertown, N. C.

The Editor Adds Word

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JOHN R. RICE

of Dr. Stuart Holden who was sitting one day in the lounge of his club as a number of people around him were discussing golf. One of them turned and said, "By the way, Holden, what is your handicap?" Without a moment's pause Dr. Holden replied, "Myself!" How true that is! Self, the capital I, is the universal problem, the handicap of us all. We are told in the Word, "These six things does the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look . . ." Notice! A proud look is the first thing that God hates. We are told that "pride goeth before a fall." We are told that "the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world."

The root of all sin is pride. Perhaps the greatest sin that has crept into the lives of Christians is the sin of pride. No young person can expect victory and inward rest until the capital I has been conquered. God commands us to "humble ourselves." We are never told to pray for humility! That is our job! If we are to live above the clouds, the sin of pride will have to be confessed and forsaken. It is deadlier than the poison of a rattlesnake. It stunts, stifles, weakens and destroys Christian victory.

When I was a student at Wheaton College a great revival swept our campus. Dr. Harold Warren was the human instrument, but it was the Holy Spirit who did the job. From ten o'clock in the morning until eleven at night on two successive days, classes and meals were forgotten as students confessed their sins and God took over. The sin that was confessed most often publicly and privately was the sin of pride. Students, staff and faculty alike realized that this awful sin was ruining their individual victory with God. If that is your sin, confess it today and be rid of it.

Strife is the next thing from which Paul urges young Timothy to flee. Do you get angry easily? Are you impatient? Are you irritable? Do little things vex and annoy? Are there uprisings within? Do you lose your temper? Does wrath hold you at times in its grip? All of these things engender strife. God calls it sin! Many Christian homes where I am entertained are filled with strife. The father and the mother are continually bickering and arguing. The children, instead of being well disciplined, argue with their parents. The sweet aroma of Christian love is weakened. God says

that such strife is sin. Let us confess and forsake it.

Envy is the green-eyed monster that has wrecked so many young Christians. It creeps in unexpectedly and slays us before we know it. God says (Prov. 6:34), "For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance." Some young people are jealous because others are more handsome and more beautiful than they; jealous because others can play the piano and they cannot; jealous because the pastor shakes hands more cordially with others than with them. These things can ruin your Christian experience and keep you in the valley of gloomy defeat. "But thou, O man of God, flee these things." Avoid jealousy.

Railing simply means old-fashioned gossiping, talking about your neighbors without foundation for what you have to say. It is sin. Scripture says, "Be swift to hear, slow to speak" (Jas. 1:19); "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity . . . and it is set on fire of hell" (Jas. 3:6). Your tongue is one of the smallest members of your body, yet it is more powerful and deadly than an atomic bomb. Let us pray more for our friends—and talk less! Everywhere I go someone wants to take me aside and tell me an evil story about some Christian worker. I hate it! I don't want to hear it! Ninety per cent of the stories that go around about men of God are untrue. Let us confess our sin. Let us confess these filthy communications. They grieve the Holy Spirit.

The searchlight of the Holy Spirit goes deeper than the tongue. It exposes even the thinking of our minds and hearts! Paul says, "Timothy, avoid thinking evil about others!" Think the best of everyone! If you follow this rule in your Christian experience you will find your life cleaner, happier and more vibrant. Gossiping and evil surmising can become habits that stunt our Christian growth and development.

Paul mentions in the tenth verse of the sixth chapter of First Timothy "the love of money." Many young Christians have been caught in this subtle trap of Satan. You say, "But I have no money to love." I have talked with many people who did not make five dollars a week, but the love of money was keeping them from living victorious lives in Christ. Christ demands the prominent place! He demands

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paralleled in our spiritual lives. Wherever I go, young people have virtually the same problems, most of which revolve around two or three pivots. Christian young people often ask me, "How can I get the joy and thrill of Christian living that you have been talking about? I have not been living above the clouds: I have been living in the valleys. I am miserable in my Christian experience." A young worldling said to me the other day, "You Christians seem to have a religion that makes you miserable. You are like a man with a headache. He does not want to get rid of his head, but it hurts him to keep it. You cannot expect outsiders to seek anything so unfavorable!"

Is that true in your life? Have you been living an *up and down* experience? I am convinced that it is possible for young people to have lives of inward rest and outward victory. It is your birthright. Many of you can remember the shout of triumph your soul gave when you first met Jesus Christ! How sure you were of victory then! How easy it seemed to be more than a conqueror through Him that loved you! Under the leadership of such a general you can never be foiled in battle, yet how different has been the experience of many of you! Your victories have been few and fleeting, your defeats many and disastrous. You have not lived as you think a Christian ought to live. Perhaps you have a good understanding of doctrinal truths and you know a few Scripture verses and have made a study of the Bible; possibly you believe in Christ, you talk about Him and you know you are saved; but somehow there is something wrong. In the very depths of your heart and soul you realize that your experience is not a scriptural experience. Many of you have given up in despair and have said, "It is impossible. All I can expect is an alternate life of victory and despair. I must always live in the valley! I can never enjoy the sunshine of the sunny mountain slopes! It is impossible always to

fly above the clouds." Is that your experience?

There are three words that I want to use which may touch upon the secret of your failure. You will find them in the writings of Paul to young Timothy.

They are: *retreat; stand; advance*. First and Second Timothy are good books for any Christian young person to read and study. Timothy was a young man, very much like some of you. He faced the same temptations, the same trials, had the same burdens and the same problems that you have. He was a man of like passions. Timothy had been converted at an early age and answered the call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the greatest challenge and call that any young man can have.

Now, there are a lot of people who think that to be a preacher all you have to do is to preach twice a week and conduct prayer meetings—about an hour and a half's work per week. Many consider the ministry an easy and lazy profession and many have said, "If you cannot be anything else, be a preacher." But a preacher who is true to the Word of God must not only preach the Word (II Tim. 4:2) but must expose false teaching (I Tim. 1:3). A minister who is true to his calling must warn people against the danger of heresy and false doctrine. Many times he is tempted to soft-pedal because people may misunderstand and he may make enemies. That is why Paul said, "I am praying for you day and night, Timothy." Your pastor needs prayer that God will give him courage to stand true. Timothy was called upon to "reprove." That was a hard thing for a young man to do! Paul told him to "rebuke." That, too, is hard! First Timothy 5:19 tells us that Timothy was instructed to handle church discipline. All these problems are faced by a minister of the Gospel. Your pastor or evangelist carries a thousand and one problems and has hundreds of things to do that you never hear of. Yet Timothy was a young man and Paul charged him with these great

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mands leadership! Striving after money and this world's goods is called sin!

A young fellow came to me one day in Belfast, Ireland, and he said he was living a defeated life. I tried to find the cause and the secret of his defeat. He read the Word; he prayed; he seemed to be living a good, clean, honest life, but there was something wrong somewhere. Finally I asked him, "Do you give a portion of your income to the Lord's work?" He hung his head and shamefully said, "Not very much." I said, "That is it! There is your trouble! You have been robbing God." Young people, learn this: you cannot rob God and expect to grow and have power in your life. God says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, said the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). Has this been your trouble?

Writing to Timothy on another occasion, Paul warns him to flee something else: "Flee also youthful lusts" (II Tim. 2:22). Young men and women, lust is a deadly thing. Every outward immoral sin begins with a thought. Guard your thoughts. Keep them clean. Keep them pure. Purpose in your heart that you will not defile yourself. Don't let your eyes look upon that which grieves the Holy Spirit.

Dr. V. R. Edman, president of Wheaton College, said something in chapel one day which I shall never forget: "The first look is not sin. It is the second look!" You may be unable to help the first look, but watch and guard that second look. "Flee youthful lusts."

In my imagination I can see Paul as he thinks upon all these temptations of Satan to young Timothy. His fingers tremble as he writes. A tear courses down his cheek and blots the paper. A lump comes to his throat and he says, with all the passion of his heart, "O thou man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."

I heard some time ago of a young colored boy who was in the trenches of France. The order was given to attack, but as the bullets and the bombs began to explode and whizz around him, the boy became nervous and frightened. Throwing down his rifle, he began running toward the rear. The captain yelled, "Hey, Sambo, where are you retreating to?" Hardly slackening his pace, the colored boy yelled over his shoulder, "Boss, Ise ain't retreatin': Ise just advancin' to de rear." This is exactly what God wants you to do. By retreating and avoiding these sins you will in reality be

advancing in your Christian experience.

II. Stand

The sun was shining in a clear blue sky. Semitropical Pasadena was filled with an air of excitement. It was not just an ordinary holiday. It was the one big day of the year when the eyes of the sports world turned to this Los Angeles suburb. Palm trees, orange groves, balmy breezes and the Rose Bowl game were going to make New Year's Day northern California's "big day." T. W. Wilson and I had been given "hard to get" tickets by Miss Henrietta Mears, "The Lady" at Hollywood's First Presbyterian Church. We made our way to Section D., seats 21 and 22. Soon we were shouting, laughing, eating peanuts and having a good time. T. W. and I, being true Southerners, were loyal to Alabama's Crimson Tide. By the end of the first quarter it was apparent that it was Alabama all the way. As the Tide neared the Southern California goal line, the cheering students of California broke out in this chant: "Hold that line! Hold that line!" As I watched that scene so filled with tenseness and excitement it seemed that I could see a spiritual drama being enacted. I could see myself before "so great a cloud of witnesses" and being tempted by Satan, while the great witnesses of the past who had lived for and died in this same arena were shouting to me, "Hold the line. Don't yield. Stand, and having done all, stand!"

I am sure that many of you, when just about to yield or compromise in your Christian lives, have heard the still, small voice of God saying, "Hold that line. Don't yield to Satan's subtle temptations, 'that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil'" (Eph. 6:11). Again God has said, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (I Cor. 16:13) or again, in Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free."

You remember the three Hebrew children who refused to bow before the king's image. The king had made a great golden image and had ordered that every man fall down and worship at the sound of the musical instruments. The decree was: "And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (Dan. 3:11). Everyone bowed down and worshiped for fear of the king except three men: Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. The king immediately called them before him and said, in effect, "Fellows, perhaps you did not understand my command, but I will give you another chance. When the instruments play again, either you fall down and worship the image that I have built or I shall have you thrown into the fiery furnace that has been heated seven times hotter than an ordinary furnace!" The king's words received one of the most heroic and thrilling answers any group of God's men has given. Listen to it, young people. Hear it. Feel it. See it. "O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy

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gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Dan. 3:16-18).

These three fellows did not know whether they would escape the fiery furnace or not, but of one thing they were certain: they would not yield to Satan's subtle temptation to compromise their decision. They were going to stand and having done all, stand. When the instruments played, the three refused to bow. The king was furious and had them thrown into the furnace. The men who threw them in were burned to a crisp. When the king looked in to see how his victims were roasting, he saw instead of three men, four, and the fourth one was like unto the Son of God. God had vindicated their stand! They had remained true! He would see them through! He would not leave or forsake them! Notice that the king could get them neither to "bend" nor "budge" nor "burn."

Young man or woman, you have been compromising in your Christian life. You have been giving in, yielding here and there. Satan has slipped in and done his deadly work in times of weakness. Your eyes have looked upon things they should never have seen. Your feet have taken you places you should never have gone. Your hands have touched things they should never have touched. Your mind has thought upon things you should never have thought upon. Your tongue has said things you should never have said. Oh, young people, I beg of you to stand and having done all, stand. In this day when young people are leading "wild, strange, foreign-flavored, globe-girdling, radio-riding," law-breaking, frivolous, superficial lives, it is glorious to see a young man or woman living a clean, honest, uncompromising spiritual life for Jesus Christ, a life which will result in constant daily victory over sin and inward rest of soul.

Yield everything to Him! The greatest thing you must yield is yourself, because the greatest burden one has to carry in life is

self—his daily living, his failings, his special weaknesses and temptations, his peculiar temperament, his inward affairs of every kind. You must hand all these to God and leave them there. He demands that you surrender your reputation, your Christian work, your love affairs, your houses, your children, your business, your servants—everything, whether inward or outward—to Him. Not only must you commit the things of the future but more difficult still, you must commit the present to Him. If you have committed your problems to the Lord, forget them. Don't worry about them. Most people take their burdens, troubles and sins to Him, but they bring them away with them again and are as worried and unhappy as before.

Some of us are like the fellow who had a house to rent. He said, "I will rent the entire house except for one room." The prospective tenant said, "This is strange! What are you going to keep in that room?" "Oh, not very much," he replied. "Just a couple of pet tigers." You may smile at this ridiculous story, but perhaps that is exactly what you have said to God. "Lord, You may have my heart, my soul and my body but there is one little room I want to keep myself. I have a couple of pets that I want to keep."

God will expect no less than all. We must confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus. He demands Lordship. Thus, when you are entirely yielded to Him, He fills you with His Spirit, and His powerful dynamo called the Holy Spirit will enable you to stand against every onslaught of Satan. "When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt" (Deut. 20:1).

It is not a battle with flesh and blood; it is a spiritual battle against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. The Holy Spirit is absolutely the only one who can give you the ability to "hold the line." Are you holding? Are you standing? Only as you "stand" against every attack can you say you are living above the clouds in glorious sunlight on the mountain slopes of God's love, peace, joy, happiness and pleasure. "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures forevermore."

III. Advance

When I was seven my father bought me my first bicycle. I had never ridden one. Patiently my family and friends tried to teach me the art of cycling. I soon found that there was one thing that I must do if I was to stay on the bicycle: keep moving forward. If I ceased to go forward I would fall and hurt myself. So it is in the Christian life. Paul told Timothy not only to endure hardness as a good soldier but to "strive" for masteries. Peter said, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18).

You can never live this glorious life on the highest plain unless you are continually growing and moving forward. If you are not closer to Christ and more mature spiritually today than at any time in your Christian experience, there is something wrong with your life. You should be closer to Him today, heart, soul and body, than at any time in your life. There should be a constant growth.

John spoke of fathers, young men and little children (I John 2:13). He was speaking of spiritually mature men—young men who were growing but who had not reached spiritual maturity—and babes in Christ. There are degrees of spiritual growth. You cannot grow in justification; there is no development in the standing of your relationship with God.

You ask, "How can I grow? How can I advance? How can I move forward?" First: Bible reading: "Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Pet. 2:2). Read it! Study it! Meditate on it! Memorize it! Ninety per cent of the Christian's difficulties and troubles are caused by a lack of read-

ing and studying the Word. Do not be content to skim through a chapter merely to satisfy your conscience. Hide the Word of God in your heart. A little portion well masticated is of greater spiritual value to your soul than a lengthy portion scanned hurriedly. Do not be discouraged because you cannot understand it all. The greatest theologians have had to say, "The half has not been told." However, the Holy Spirit will make hard passages plain to you, and the Word will become a living reality in your heart.

Dawson Trotman's navigators have a splendid system of Scripture memorization that has been a blessing to me. This system advocates carrying index cards daily and memorizing the Word of God during odd moments. The Bible is food for your soul. Don't neglect it! "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Prayer

The enemy is attacking. We need to fortify our prayer lives. Prayer is the Christian's greatest weapon. Young people, you cannot get along without it. You can never live the life above the clouds without being instant in prayer in season and out of season. This doesn't mean that the only time you can pray is when you are alone or hidden in a private closet. You have access to the throne room at any moment of the day. You are the child of a King. It is your royal privilege to talk with your Father. He is interested in every detail of your life. The little heartaches, burdens and troubles that nobody else knows about—in these He is keenly interested. He has numbered the hairs of your head. He wants to help you with even the most simple things that you would ordinarily not bother anyone about. God is interested. Let Him bear your burdens. Let Him solve your problems. Learn to pray victoriously. Such prayer is necessary for spiritual growth.

Witnessing

God's purpose for you and me after we have been converted is that we be witnesses to His saving grace and power. Are you a daily and constant witness? Are you one of God's minutemen? Are you a commando for Christ? He expects you to witness at every given opportunity. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men," Christ said, "him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

Acts 28:23 presents a thrilling scene. Paul, held in bonds at Rome, persuaded men concerning Jesus from morning to evening. Concerning each of us it should be said every day, "Behold, a sower went forth to sow."

As Dr. Harry Rimmer indicates, very little originality is permitted a Western Union messenger boy. His sole obligation is to carry the message he receives from the office to the person to whom it is addressed. He may not like to carry that message. It may contain bad news or distressing news for the person to whom he carries it. But he cannot stop on the way, open the envelope and change the wording of the telegram. His duty is to take the message.

We young Christians have the Word of God. Our Great Commander has said, "Go and take this message to a dying world." Some are neglecting it; some are tearing up the message and substituting one of their own; some are taking out a part of it; some are telling the people that the Lord does not mean what He says; others are saying that He really did not write the message but that it was written by ordinary men who are mistaken about the meaning of it.

Let us remember that the Apostle Paul exhorted the Christians centuries ago to preach only the Word.

Remember, we are sowing seed. Some indeed may fall on beaten paths and some among thorns, but it is our business to keep on sowing. We are not to stop sowing because some of the soil looks unpromising.

We are holding a light. We are to let it shine though it may seem but a twinkling candle in a world of blackness. It is our business to let it shine.

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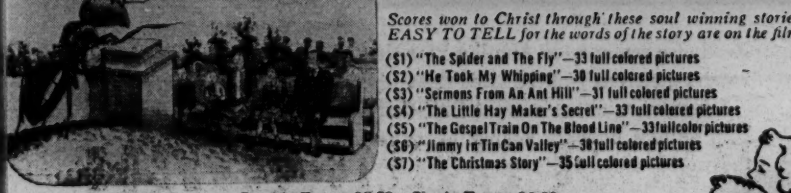
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"Yesterday morning we had the thrill of hearing a message of yours on shortwave through HCJB on revival. It was good. I got there just too late but Sid Langford said it came over swell."

AUSTIN PAUL

(Evangelist Bill Rice is now back in the states. He has wonderful things to tell of souls saved and revivals in Africa at the Three Sword of the Lord conferences on Revival and Soul Winning—Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, July 9-16; Latham Springs Baptist Encampment, Aquilla, Texas, August 5-10; Baptist State Assembly Grounds, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, August 12-17.)

Share YOUR Sword

Retreat! Stand! Advance!

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We are blowing a trumpet. In the din and noise of battle the sound of our little trumpet may seem to be lost, but we must keep sounding the alarm to those who are in danger.

We are kindling a fire in this cold old world full of hatred and selfishness. Our little blaze may seem to be unavailing, but we must keep our fire burning.

We are striking with a hammer. The blows may seem only to jar our hands as we strike, but we are to keep on hammering.

We are using a sword. The first or second thrust of our sword may be evaded and all of our efforts at striking deep into the enemy may seem hopeless, but we are to keep wielding our sword. It is the sword of the Spirit.

We have bread for a hungry world. The people may seem to be so busy feeding on other things that they will not accept the Bread of Life, but we must keep on giving it, offering it to the souls of men.

We have water for famishing people. We must keep standing and crying out, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." We must persevere. We must never give up. Keep using the Word.

The seed will find some good soil and spring up and bear fruit, even thirty or sixty or an hundredfold. Somebody will hear the trumpet, even in the din and tumult, and will flee to the Refuge and be safe. The fire will kindle a sacred flame in some cold hearts and woo them to God. The hammer will break some hard hearts and make them contrite and yielded to God. The sword will pierce the armor of sin and cut away the self-satisfaction and the pride and open hearts to the Spirit of God. Some hungry men and women will take the Bread of Life and some famishing ones will find the Water of Life at our hands.

Let us as Christian young people declare the whole Word of God.

Young people, are you retreating where you should retreat? Are you standing where you should stand? Are you advancing where you should advance? Only by doing these three things faithfully can you climb above the

gloomy, discouraging spiritual valleys of this life into the glistening, thrilling experience of sun-bathed heights on mountain peaks.

It was a cold, dreary, snowy night. The father was sitting in the lounge reading a newspaper; the son was absorbed in a novel. Seeing that the fire was about to go out, the father turned to the son and said, "Son, kindly go out into the woodshed and get a stick of wood and bring it in and put it on the fire." There was no reply. Again he repeated his request, and the son made no indication that he had heard.

Being an Irishman, the father lost his temper and said angrily, "Son, if you don't get that stick of wood and bring it in and put it on the fire, you can leave this house."

The son jumped to his feet, angrily threw down his book, stalked out and slammed the door.

Two weeks passed and the father had not received word from his son. Though he was broken-hearted, yet he was stern. He was teaching his son a lesson in obedience.

It was another cold, dreary, snowy night. The father was trying to read the newspaper and occasionally a tear trickled down his cheek as he thought of his boy. The fire was about to go out again. He heard a knock at the door. Going to it, he saw his son, hungry, tired, cold and pleading. "Father, please forgive me! Let me come in! I'm sorry!" The father softened for a moment. Then he grew stern and, pointing to the woodshed, said, "Son, that same stick of wood is in the woodshed. Get it, bring it in, put it on the fire, and you can come in."

God is saying that same thing to you today. There are sticks in your life. They are in the woodshed away from the altar of consecration. God says that you will have to get all of those sticks and bring them to the altar before you can have the thrill, the warmth, the joy and the glory of His hearth.

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In a Campaign

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LORD readers! He finds in them great joy. If someone who is disinterested in the paper writes to have his subscription cancelled, Dr. Rice wants to decide on whether or not it should be cancelled. He does not leave it to his office force to decide. To such people, usually he dictates a personal letter, trying to save the subscriber who perhaps has been pestered by an article that has stung him. He wants to decide what letter is the "prize" one, which will be printed in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. He wants to see the daily report mailed him from Wheaton, telling how many subscriptions came in that particular day, how many books were ordered, how much was sent for Free Literature Fund, etc.

In between preaching many times a day and reading the large bulk of daily mail, twelve pages of SWORD copy must be decided upon each week. Who decides on what is to be used? Dr. Rice himself. He chooses every article, Okays every ad, and writes much of the promotional material week after week—whether he is in a revival campaign, or in his Wheaton office. He is always pressed by a deadline.

In addition to revivals, SWORD copy to prepare, office to be managed, heavy correspondence to be answered, Dr. Rice is director of the three great Sword of the Lord conferences on revival and soul winning which you are reading about in THE SWORD. He is also director of Sword Book Club, which requires his reviewing many books each month.

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This issue is the last in which we can appeal for your Letter Month letter. Why don't you—now—sit down and write a personal note to the editor, telling how much you appreciate what he is doing for you through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and Sword literature? It will rejoice his heart, and you will be paying your debt to him.

I wish each of you could meet Dr. Rice personally. So many have said to me, after meeting him and hearing him for the first time, "He isn't anything like I thought he would be. He has such a compassionate heart and seems to love people so much." One preacher's wife has told me since this revival started in Moncton, "My husband brought home one day the book, *Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives, and Women Preachers*, which got me prejudiced against him, though I didn't even read the book! After hearing him and seeing how tender he is, I decided to read the book, and he isn't as arbitrary, nor as hard as I thought." That is the opinion many have about him who do not know him. When people hear him over the radio, they are surprised at the gentleness of his voice. Because he preaches hard against sin, many people think he has a heart of stone. But he is the most

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He will read this article before it is sent to the printer. But I have already said what I want to say!

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(Signed) John Y. Yamamura

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Authority in the Home

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course, according to the Word of God, the father is the head of the house. Now sometimes the fathers avoid that; sometimes they evade that; sometimes the fathers leave the responsibility entirely to the mothers. They leave the control of the children entirely to the mothers.

A Sin for Children to Grow Up Without Authority

There is a story that I have related of the agent who went to a certain house to sell his wares. He rang the door bell, and a woman came to the door. The agent said to her, "I would like to see the head of the house."

She said, "Well, sit down there on the corner of the porch and wait a bit. The baby isn't awake yet!"

Well... sometimes that is about the answer—the head of the house is the youngest of the home. Sometimes from earliest childhood those youngsters rule the roost. Top to bottom, through and through, it is my conviction, oft repeated, that the lawlessness which sweeps this land today unutterably foul and which is a disgrace to the nation, wrecks homes and breaks the hearts of multitudes of parents, originated back in the home in the earliest childhood days of our boys and girls. In other words, the boy that isn't controlled in the home cannot be controlled away from home.

I remember a certain very prominent man (if I mentioned his name a lot of you friends in radio land would know him) who sent his boy to our school while the boy was yet in high school. The father came to me and made a pathetic appeal that his boy was getting out of control. The boy went back to that school and from the day he landed he was an outlaw. I said to the committee, "Do everything in your power to keep this boy. If we can save this boy, it is going to mean worlds and worlds to the credit of our school and glory to our God."

The boy sensed from the beginning that he could do just about as he pleased, and believe me, he did. Finally a student committee went to the staff and said, "What has this boy got against the school. We know that he is pulling stuff here that we couldn't pull once, much less again and again, without getting kicked out. Now, whatever it is, turn that boy over to us, let us take him down in the woods. We believe we could teach him the ways of the Lord and the ways of this school."

When the staff asked me about it, I said, "No."

Eventually the boy had to be sent home. Boastfully he said to the committee, "I never have been controlled, and I never expect to be controlled." What became of that boy, I don't know. That boy was right—he had never been controlled. His father had never controlled him. What are you going to do with a situation like that?

Dr. George Stewart, one of the greatest preachers the South ever produced—and I often quote him—who had a marvelous family of children of his own, was telling about a man in his church who had a son who had gone haywire. The boy had never been controlled. The father loved the child, indulged him, and let him do as he pleased. They sent him off to school and he was expelled. They sent him off to another school, and though he was yet in high school, he was expelled. Again they sent him to another school—the third time, now mind you—and he was expelled. That night—that memorable night—the mother had gone to bed, and the father sat by the fire with his face in his hands. Finally the mother came in and said, "Father, aren't you coming to bed?"

He said, "No, not now."

"What is the matter?" the mother asked.

"Mother, you know what is wrong," he answered.

Very kindly the mother said, "Father, I don't want to say this



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to you to hurt you, but how do you expect other people to control our boy? You never have controlled him. He has been an outlaw in this home since earliest childhood. You wouldn't even let me punish him or control him, and now he is out of hand. How do you expect strangers to do what you have never done?"

The father turned and got down on his knees and started praying, "O God, forgive me. From here on, I'll control that boy."

The next morning after breakfast he said to the boy, "Son, I want you to go for a walk with me." The son saw something in his father's eyes that he had never seen there before. There was a little grove out back of the house and the father walked out into the grove with his son following. The father very deliberately cut a large hickory switch, then turning to face his son, said, "Son, first of all I want to beg your forgiveness. I have not done my duty as a father. You have been expelled from three schools now, and it is all because I have never controlled you. You have the idea that you can't be controlled. Now, as a father, a solemn obligation and duty, and a very painful one, starting today from this hour on, I'm going to control you and I'm going to start right now with giving you the hardest whipping and the only whipping you have ever had. Pull off your coat!"

The boy stood looking at his father, his eyes blazing, and said, "I won't do it."

The father said, "Son, I brought you out here this morning to correct you and I'm going to correct you or one of us will stay right here in this grove—dead." For the first time the boy saw the flash of authority as the father said, "Pull off that coat!"

The boy slowly pulled off his coat. The father gave him a very hard whipping. The father said, "Get down on your knees with me." They got down on their knees, and the father prayed, "God forgive me. I have neglected my boy. He is all but on the rocks. Forgive me. From this hour on I'll do my duty as a father, in love, but with your help, O God, I'm going to control this boy."

When they got up from the prayer, the boy threw his arms around his father's neck and stood there for some time sobbing. Finally, he pushed back, looking into his father's face, and said, "Dad, God being my helper, I'll never give you another minute's worry from this day until I die."

Dr. George Stewart said that boy was converted, went into the church, became an elder, and is now an active and outstanding Christian layman.

This modern age! This mushy age! This age in which we become so sentimental! If you spank a child today they will probably have you in the courts. I don't believe in abusing children and I think a lot of people have been brought up in court and sent to the penitentiary that ought to have been sent to the penitentiary for abusing children. I'm not talking about that, but about correcting children.

Correcting children? Some say, "Let the courts do that." Well, they will do it!

"Let the juvenile courts get them." They will get them!

"Let the penitentiary have them." They will get some of them.

"Let them go to the gallows." Some of them are going to the gallows for some fearful crimes.

It is my conviction, and it is the teaching of the Word of God, that it would have been a million

times better if these children had been corrected in the home—and I mean corrected if it was necessary. I don't think it is inherited goodness, but down the line in my home, my own children have been loyal to God and loyal to the love of their parents. My grandchildren, I believe I have ten now and four are grown, have never given their parents a second's trouble. They have been corrected, of course, rigidly so; they have been taken care of, and they are a marvelous group of youngsters. I'm proud of every one of them. I think in homes where there is a voice of authority, not brutal authority, the children will respond to that authority.

God Commands Ministers Particularly to Control Children

I had a lesson to read, and it is in the third chapter of I Timothy. I had marked the fourth verse but beginning with the first verse the declaration of Paul is: "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)"

A lot of folk don't believe in officers and officials in the work of God, but I believe in the organized church and I believe in the general run of officers if they measure up to what Paul here talks about. Paul says, "He desires a good work if he desires to be a bishop." Then Paul said, "If a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church?" That's what I say—if he can't rule his own house, if he can't control his own children, what business has he got trying to control those who are of the household of faith!

There are two illustrations that flash into mind here: The first one of Abraham. It was declared of our God concerning Abraham, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment" (Gen. 18:19). "For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him." And down across the centuries comes the example, the godly example, the beautiful life, the faith life of that marvelous man Abraham.

But in contrast, do you remember Eli? He was the first of the priests, I believe, that occupied, too, the position of judge. The story of his home is a tragic one when God pronounced judgment upon that home with the destruction and death of those sons. In the thirteenth verse of the third chapter of I Samuel: "For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not." His sons made themselves vile and Eli, their father, did not restrain them!

Godly Parents Can Control Children

I don't think there is so much of a problem in restraining young-

sters if we love them and have God in our hearts. I go back to the declaration that there will be no happy homes where there is not a voice of authority and where there is not a head to the household. I mean, as the head to the household, a man who fears God, who sets a right example before his family, and who commands his children that they too walk in fear before God. We talked about the enemies of the American home, and now I'm talking about some of the constructive agencies and in contrast, of course, the lack of control in the home, lack of supervision, and lack of discipline.

With children living as they choose and running the streets all hours of the night, there is nothing ahead but serious tragedy. Those in a position to know tell us that again and again the children are on the streets because the parents are on the streets. The children are out without restraint because the parents are running the streets and are in places where parents should never go. I mentioned the fact before that standing in the front yard of the property where we are building

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Authority in the Home

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the studios of KGER across the street on this Sunday afternoon, I saw a woman drive up a beautiful car, go into a place where they sold liquor, come out with a package. A beautiful little girl followed her in and followed her out, and they climbed into the car and drove away. To me, the tragedy of the American home today is, there is too much in the American home to contaminate our young people and to destroy the characters of our youth. We need to have God send a mighty revival to America to sweep this nation that would place our homes on the right side of every moral issue that we might again produce in these home young people of character to keep our America great.

I was invited to a certain home to dine where the wife was quite ill. When I got ready to leave, the husband said his wife had asked if I would come into the bedroom and have prayer. I said, "Certainly"; so we went into the bedroom. In this home there was a little boy (I won't say bullet-headed youngster!), a little shaver that looked like he was a pretty hard youngster to keep the lasso on, and one of the fellows, you know, who today carry their guns. When I had read from the Bible, we all got down on our knees to pray. I knelt down by the chair in which I had been sitting. The father tried to hold the boy, but the boy bucked and yanked and made so much racket that he thought the best thing to do was to turn the boy loose, which he did. The boy came directly back of my chair where he could see my face and stood there looking down at me while I was praying. After I left that home, the wife sent me word, "I want you to know, John Brown, something of the pitiful condition of our home. You know after you left, that boy turned to me and said, 'Mamma, what did that man mean getting down on his knees and talking to that chair?' Now

there was no prayer in the home. When you find youngsters that are ignorant of the things of God, watch out!

I tell this story to close—a story of a certain widely-known family in the West who had only one child. They lived in a big beautiful mansion. The child, a boy, had gone on the rocks, and the father, desperate at last, called one of the leading preachers of his city and said, "Maybe if you would talk to my boy, the very fact of your position, maybe you could appeal to him."

The preacher agreed, and the boy was sent to him. In his study he sat talking to the boy and from the beginning was rather impressed with the boy. The father had told him that the boy ran the streets night and went to the wrong places on the streets. Finally the preacher said to that boy, "Tell me, with a great, beautiful home like you've got—and it is a beautiful home—why do you prefer the streets?"

"Home? I haven't got a home," the boy answered. "Oh, there is a big house out there, and the servants are there, but Mother is gone almost every night, and Dad is gone almost every night. Who wants to stay in a big building like that?"

The preacher said, "Tell me something more. They say you drink; where do you get your liquor?"

The boy looked at him in surprise. "Where do I get it? Why, Dad keeps the basement full of it."

Look out now! The enemies of the American home! On the constructive side, we had better begin to look around that home, clean up that home, have a voice of authority in that home, and have a little praying in that home. It may save oceans and oceans of tragedy in the days lying out ahead.

Now, that's another of my messages out of my heart. May God bless it to your hearts.

The Editor's Notes

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here goes to Pastor Arthur Pyke of the Highfield United Baptist Church. He had faith and vision. He led the five other cooperating pastors and churches in the renting of the big high school auditorium, although many thought no such crowds could be gathered for a revival campaign. Actually we have run the building over several times and one or two nights hundreds have been turned away who could not get standing room in sound of the preacher's voice and sight of his face. The energetic leadership of Brother Pyke led to a big streamer sign across Main Street, the purchase of expensive radio time, etc. All these expenses were easily met by the nightly offerings. And God answered our brother's faith in sending a blessed revival. At the same time we must give credit to the other strong, godly pastors who cooperated fully in the revival. My heart has rejoiced in their fellowship.

THE FOLLOWING PASTORS AND churches cooperated in the Moncton revival: Rev. Arthur R. Pyke, pastor Highfield United Baptist Church; Rev. Lorne Hisey, pastor Sunny Brae United Baptist Church; Rev. H. C. Morgan, pastor Lewisville and Cherryville United Baptist Churches; Rev. J. B. Messenger, pastor Gunningsville United Baptist Church, and Rev. Stanley Wellington, pastor of Parkton, Hildegarde and Lute's Mt. United Baptist Churches. But we must give credit also to pastors from all over the province who attended the services, got their people to listen to the radio broadcasts, and brought delegations. I suspect that fifty pastors have attended the services and helped.

BY TONIGHT I WILL HAVE SPOKEN an even fifty times. That is three and one-third times daily, with no rest day at all. I had seventeen radio services, two shop meetings at the Canadian National Railroad shops and the rest were all major

services when I spoke from forty-five minutes to an hour. Besides I have attended two nights of prayer staying until 2:00 one night and until 1:00 a.m. the next night. I have attended other prayer meetings preceding the evening services. Besides that we have our season of prayer and Bible reading in the little apartment, I have spent necessary time in meditation and prayer. The reading of my mail daily has often taken from one to two hours. During that period some of the mail is answered. Other important letters are put aside for further consideration. During the two weeks we have also prepared copy for three issues of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I have read and edited a dozen sermon manuscripts, have read fully two books and have checked some other books pretty carefully. I have written several promotional articles. I have had four extended long distance telephone calls to my home office about the work and have written instructions home from time to time. It has been a tremendously busy two weeks. Those whose personal letters I could not answer will understand and forgive, I trust.

IT MAY BE THAT SOME READERS would like to trace our route homeward. We leave, God willing, early tomorrow morning (June 4) for Wheaton. This time with a road with less traffic and less mountainous, we will plan to go north and northwest to Chatham and Quebec. Then from Quebec to Montreal to Toronto to Windsor, then crossing into the United States at Detroit we will go south of Chicago and home to Wheaton, twenty-five miles west of Chicago. It should take three full days for about sixteen hundred miles. We will probably spend one night near Quebec, one a little west of Toronto, and should be at Wheaton Wednesday night, not very late, if the dear Lord prospers us. We trust the Lord to take care of us on the journey and that we will not be delayed by tire trouble. Mrs. Rice is with me, and Miss Viola Walden, my secretary.

AWAITING US AT WHEATON WILL be my son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Allan MacMullen. Mrs. MacMullen (Grace) has been working in the Radio and Film Department at Bob Jones University and has done a very valuable work there. But the expansion of the work at the Sword of the Lord office, and Mr. Lampman's leaving, led me to write asking them to come and help us in the work at Wheaton. Allan may finish his ministerial training at Wheaton. We trust he will help us in the great work of the Sword of the Lord and we are very grateful for his coming. Thank God for the help of my children. We will have a big council of the top workers in the Sword of the Lord office when I return and make good plans for the use of these fine workers and others coming to us.

ALLOW THE EDITOR ANOTHER PERSONAL word. It will be specially sweet to have three of my daughters working full-time in the office. Grace MacMullen I have mentioned above. Elizabeth Handford (Mrs. Walter E. Handford, Jr.) is secretary to her husband, the manager of the Sword of the Lord Publishers. Jessie Ruth, graduating from Wheaton College June 11, will head our Art Department. Besides these three Joanna, just finishing her freshman year at Wheaton College, works part-time in the Sword of the office doing some secretarial work for me. And Sarah Joy, thirteen, at odd times is getting ready to be a fine help also. The other daughter, Mary Lloys Himes (Mrs. Charles A. Himes), is a pastor's wife at Treece, Kansas. Thank God my daughters all serve the Lord and it is specially happy to have five of them near me when I can be at home.

NOW IT IS MONDAY (JUNE 4), 4:00 p.m. The revival service at Moncton Sunday night was one of the finest demonstrations of God's power I have ever seen. The High School Auditorium was packed on the main floor and in the balcony, then the partition was removed between the platform and the gymnasium back of it and hundreds of seats were placed there behind the speaker and the choir. I suppose the crowd numbered eighteen hundred or more. Since the house was already full, we began the service a half hour ahead of time. And the sun was shining brilliantly outside when I began to preach.

WHAT JOY AND ASSURANCE WHEN one preaches and is consciously borne along by the Holy Spirit! The very breath of God seemed on us all. I preached on the text in Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." I stressed the fact that the opportunity for salvation passes away; that youth, the best chance to be saved, soon passes; times of special dealing by the Spirit of God pass away; times when there are loved ones to warn and pray pass; that the wooing of the Holy Spirit may cease; revivals come to a close; life itself slips away. After the sermon dozens of people held their hands for prayer while our heads were bowed, and upon the invitation to turn from sin to trust in Christ and claim Him openly, some seventy people streamed down the aisles to take my hand and tell me their decision, then pass into the inquiry room for further instruction and prayer and records. Faster than I could receive them properly with searching questions, they came; most of the time from ten to twenty were waiting to take my hand. I stooped on a high platform to take their hands and receive their solemn words of decision, so long that I became cramped from the one position and then greeted them from a chair. Surprisingly, only about one out of ten were backsliders; the rest had never professed faith in Christ. More remarkable yet, most of them were mature men and women. One was a woman of eighty, another white-headed wo-

man came and then her two aged brothers, none of whom had ever claimed Christ before. Young people brought their parents. A number were Catholics. Yet the blessed Holy Spirit had so made the matter clear in their hearts that almost every one was definite and clear in his decision before he went into the inquiry room for instruction and prayer. Tears rained down the faces of many of them.

A WOMAN IMMIGRANT FROM HOLLAND, with strong Dutch accent, told how she had long been a church member, now turned to Christ. A man and his wife, each probably about forty, came arm in arm. A mother came weeping with her son who was saved, saying, "Praise God, this is the last of seven!" A mature and prominent business man for whom Christians had long prayed, was in that number.

APPROXIMATELY 453 PEOPLE, I AM told, came forward publicly to accept Christ in the fifteen days. This does not include most of the decisions for rededication among Christians. Many, many others started family altars, gave up some worldliness or evil habit or made holy vows about prayer life or soul winning. I could have given invitations for rededication, consecration, etc., and had over a thousand people taking some public stand for Christ. But every invitation was first and foremost for unconverted sinners who confessed their lost condition, to repent of their sins, to trust Christ for salvation and to confess Him

openly. Hence only a few of those coming forward had ever claimed Christ as Saviour before and they came as conscious and confessed backsliders who had been living in sin.

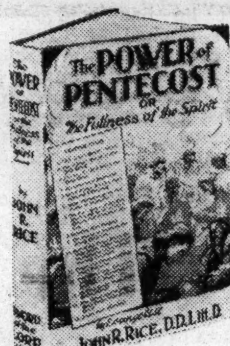
SEVERAL LESSONS PRESS THEMSELVES in my heart as I review the blessings of these two weeks. First, better revivals come from stronger preaching against sin. The results are more definite, there is a greater transformation in the lives and homes of Christians, and the converts make better type Christians. Second, if the preacher be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak with fervor and power, joy and tears, he can preach long enough to get a better job done. I usually preached for an hour in the evening. God helped me to pack the sermons with Scripture, yet the people came night after night and stood patiently for long invitations. I know the reason for that was the blessed presence of God who gripped the hearts of people so steadily that we were able to take time to preach enough of the Word of God to get profound results. Third, again I am impressed that the way to reach the multitudes is in a large neutral meeting place, with as many Bible-believing churches cooperating as possible.

NOW WE ARE TRAVELLING DOWN the St. Lawrence River. We drove North through Moncton, New Brunswick, to Chatham, Bathurst, to Mont Joli. The scenery has been beautiful, the touch with French-speaking people delightful.

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ing for the Father to die and then take the throne.

When, a few years ago, an artist in Germany made a picture for the Royal Gallery, representing Emperor William on the throne and the Crown Prince as having one foot on the step of the throne, Emperor William ordered the picture changed, and said: "Let the Prince keep his foot off the throne till I leave it."

The Wealth of the Prince

Already throned was the Heavenly Prince side by side with the Father. What a circle of dominion! What myriads of admirers! What unending round of glories! All the towers chimed the Prince's praises. Of all the inhabitants, from the centre of the city on over the hills and clear down to the beach against which the ocean of immensity rolls its billows, the Prince was the acknowledged favorite. No wonder Paul says that "He was rich."

Set all the diamonds of the earth in one sceptre, build all the palaces of the earth in one Alhambra, gather all the pearls of the sea in one diadem, put all the values of the earth in one coin, the aggregate would not express His affluence. Yes, Paul was right. Solomon had in gold \$3,400,000,000, and in silver \$5,145,001,885. But a greater than Solomon is here. Not the millionaire, but the quadrillionaire of Heaven. To describe His celestial surroundings the Bible uses all colors, gathering them in rainbow over the throne

and setting them as agate in the temple window, and hoisting twelve of them into a wall from striped jasper at the base to transparent amethyst in the capstone, while between are green of emerald, and snow of pearl, and blue of sapphire, and yellow of topaz, and gray of chrysoprase, and flame of jacinth. All the loveliness of landscape in foliage, and river and rill, and all enchantment aqua-marine, the sea of glass mingled with fire as the sun sinks in the Mediterranean. All the thrill of music, instrumental, and vocal, harps, trumpet, doxologies. There stood the Prince, surrounded by those who had under their wings the velocity of millions of miles in a second, rich in love, rich in adoration, rich in power, rich in worship, rich in holiness, rich as God.

A Fallen World

But one day there was a big disaster in a department of God's universe. A race fallen! A world in ruins! Our planet the scene of catastrophe. A globe swinging out into darkness, with mountains, and seas, and islands, an awful centrifugal of sin seeming to overpower the beautiful centripetal of righteousness, and from it a groan reached Heaven. Such a sound had never been heard there. Plenty of sweet sounds, but never an outcry of distress, or an echo of agony. At that one groan the Prince rose from all the blissful circumjacent, and started for the outer gate, and descended into the night of this world. Out of what a bright harbor into what rough sea!

"Stay with us," cried angel

after angel, and potentate after potentate.

"No," said the Prince; "I cannot stay; I must be off for that wreck of a world. I must stop that groan. I must hush that distress. I must fathom that woe. I must redeem those nations. Farewell, thrones and temples, companions cherubic, seraphic, archangelic! Excuse this absence, for I will come back again carrying on My shoulder a ransomed world. Till this is done I choose earthly scoff to heavenly acclamation, and a cattle-pen to a king's palace, frigid zone of earth to atmosphere of celestial radiance. I have no time to lose, for hark ye to the groan that grows mightier while I wait. Farewell! Farewell!"

Christ's Arrival on Earth

Was there ever a contrast so overpowering as that between the noonday of Christ's celestial departure and the midnight of His earthly arrival? Sure enough, the angels were out that night in the sky, and especial meteors acted as escort, but all that was from other worlds and not from this world. The earth made no demonstration of welcome. If one of the great princes of this world steps out at a depot cheers resound, and the bands play, and the flags wave. But for the arrival of this missionary Prince of the skies not a torch flared, not a trumpet blew, not a plume fluttered. All the music and the pomp were overhead. Our world opened for Him nothing better than a barn door.

The Rajah of Cashmere sent to Victoria a bedstead of carved gold and a canopy that cost \$750,000, but the world had for the Prince

of Heaven and earth only a litter of straw. The Crown jewels in the Tower of London amount to \$15,000,000, but this member of eternal royalty had nowhere to lay His head.

To know how poor He was, ask the camel drivers, ask the shepherds, ask Mary, ask the three wise men of the East who afterward came there, young Casper, middle-aged Balthaser and old Melchior.

To know how poor He was, examine all the records of real estate in all that Oriental country and see what vineyard, or what house, or what field He owned. Not one. Of what mortgage was He the mortgagee? Of what tenement was He the landlord? Of what lease was He the lessee? Who ever paid him rent? Not owning the boat on which He sailed, or the beast on which He rode, or the pillow on which He slept. He had so little estate that in order to pay His tax He had to perform a miracle, putting the amount of the assessment in a fish's mouth and having it hauled ashore. And after His death the world rushed in to take an inventory of His goods, and the entire aggregate was the garments He had worn, sleeping in them by night and travelling in them by day, bearing on them the dust of the highway and the saturation of the sea. Paul did not go far from hitting the mark when He said of the missionary Prince: "For your sakes He became poor!"

A Chilling Reception

The world could have treated Him better if it had chosen. It had all the means for making His

earthly condition comfortable. Only a few years before, when Pompey, the General, returned in triumph, he was greeted with arches and a costly column which celebrated the 12,000,000 people whom he killed or conquered, and he was allowed to wear his triumphal robe in the senate. The world had applause for imperial butchers, but buffeting for the Prince of Peace; plenty of golden chalices for the favored to drink out of, but our Prince must put His lips to the bucket of the well by the roadside after he had begged for a drink.

Poor? Born in another man's barn and eating at another man's table, and cruising the lake in another man's fishing-smack, and buried in another man's mausoleum. Our inspired authors wrote His biography, and innumerable lives of Christ have been published, but He composed His autobiography in the most compressed way. He said: "I have trodden the wine press alone."

Poor in the estimation of nearly all the prosperous classes. They called Him Sabbath-breaker, wine-bibber, traitor, blasphemer, and ransacked the dictionary of opprobrium from lid to lid to express their detestation. I can think now of only two well-to-do men who espoused His cause, Nicodemus and Joseph, of Arimathea.

His friends for the most part were people who, in that climate where ophthalmia or inflammation of the eyeball sweeps ever and anon as a scourge, had become blind, sick people who were anxious to get well, and troubled

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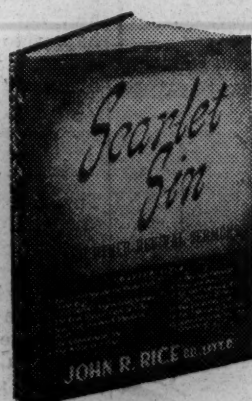
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Jesus

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people in whose family there was some one dead or dying. If He had a purse at all it was empty, or we would have heard what was done with the contents at the post-mortem.

Poor? The pigeon in the dove-cote, the rabbit in its burrow, the silk-worm in its cocoon, the bee in its hive is better provided for, better off, better sheltered. Ay, the brute creation has a home on earth, which Christ had not.

But the Crown Prince of all heavenly dominion has less than the raven, less than the chamois, for He was homeless. Ay, in the history of the universe there is no other instance of such coming down. Who can count the miles from the top of the throne to the bottom of the cross?

Cleopatra giving a banquet to Anthony, took a pearl worth \$100,000 and dissolved it in vinegar and swallowed it. But when our Prince, according to the evangelist, in His last hours took the vinegar, in it had been dissolved all the pearls of His heavenly royalty. Down until there was no other depth for Him to touch, troubled until there was no other harassment to suffer, poor until there was no other pauperism to torture. Billions of dollars spent in wars to destroy men, who will furnish the statistics of the value of that precious blood that was shed to save us?

The Grace of God

One of John Bunyan's great books is entitled "Grace Abounding." "It is all of grace that I am saved" has been on the lips of hundreds of dying Christians.

The boy Sammy was right when, being examined for admission into Church membership, he was asked: "Whose work was your salvation?"

And he answered: "Part mine and part God's."

Then the examiner asked: "What part did you do, Sammy?"

And the answer was: "I opposed God all I could, and He did the rest."

Oh! the height of it, the depth of it, the length of it, the breadth of it—the grace of God!

Mr. Fletcher having a pamphlet that pleased the king, the king offered to compensate him, and Fletcher answered: "There is only one thing I want, and that is more grace."

Yes, blood-bought readers, grace to live by and grace to die by. Grace that saved the publican, that saved Lydia, that saved the dying thief, that saved the jailer, that saved me. But the riches of that grace will not be fully understood until Heaven breaks in upon the soul.

An old Scotchman, who had been a soldier in one of the European wars, was sick and dying in one of our American hospitals. His one desire was to see Scotland and his old home, and once again walk the heather of the highlands and hear the bagpipes of the Scotch regiments. The night that the old Scotch soldier died, a young man, somewhat reckless but kindhearted, got a company of musicians to come and play under the old soldier's window, and among the instruments was a bagpipe. The instant that the musicians began, the dying old man, in delirium, said:

"What's that, what's that? Why, it's the regiment coming home. That's the tune; yes, that's the tune. Thank God, I have got home once more!"

"Bonny Scotland and Bonny Doon" were the last words he uttered as he passed up to the highlands of the better country.

When Artaxerxes was hunting, Tirebasus, who was attending him, showed the king a rent in his garment. The king said: "How shall I mend it?" "By giving it to me," said Tirebasus. Then the king gave him the robe, but commanded him never to wear it, as it would be inappropriate.

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ual state we may put on the splendors of heavenly regalement. For our sakes! Oh, the personality of this religion!

Not an abstraction, not an arch under which we walk to behold elaborate masonry, not an ice castle like that which Empress Elizabeth, of Russia, over a hundred years ago ordered constructed, winter with its trowel of crystal cementing the huge blocks that had been quarried from the frozen rivers of the North; but a father's house, with a wide hearth crackling a hearty welcome. A religion of warmth and inspiration, and light and cheer; something we can take into our hearts, and homes, and business, recreation, and joys and sorrows.

Not an unmanageable gift, like the galley presented to Ptolemy, which required 4000 men to row, and its draught of water was so great that it could not come near the shore, but something you can run up any stream of annoyance, however shallow. Enrichment now, enrichment forever.

The seven wise men of Greece were chiefly known each for one apothegm: Solon for the saying, "Know thyself"; Periander for the saying, "Nothing is impossible to industry"; Chilo for the saying, "Consider the end"; Thales for the saying, "Suretyship is the precursor of ruin." And Paul, distinguished for a thousand utterances, might well afford to be memorable for the saying, "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."

(From *The Pathway of Life* by T. Dewitt Talmage. Published by Historical Publishing Company, 1894.)

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Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
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